



# Iowa Department of Human Services

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## INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO.1945-MC-FFS

**DATE:** September 10, 2018

**TO:** Iowa Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS), and Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/ID)

**APPLIES TO:** Managed Care (MC) and Fee-for-Service (FFS)

**FROM:** Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

**RE:** Money Follows the Person (MFP) Funding

**EFFECTIVE:** October 1, 2018

Since 2007, Iowa has operated a federally funded MFP grant to assist members residing in ICF/IDs with moving into an integrated community setting of their choice. In 2014, the MFP program was made available to individuals with either an intellectual disability or brain injury living in nursing facilities, and later in hospitals and Psychiatric Medical Institutions for Children (PMICs). To date, Iowa has transitioned 699 members from facilities into community based settings using MFP funding.

The state has been notified by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that MFP program funding will end December 31, 2019, unless additional federal funding is appropriated. Referrals to Iowa's MFP program will be accepted through October 1, 2018, to allow sufficient time for MFP Transition Specialists to assist members with transition planning and preparation to move to the community. The Transition Specialists will provide case management during 2019 for members who have moved to community based settings through the MFP program. MFP funding will be available through December 31, 2019, to provide the authorized supports and services to members accessing the MFP program.

Providers may access the current [Money Follows the Person Referral Information form](#)<sup>1</sup> on the [Money Follows the Person webpage](#)<sup>2</sup>.

If you have any questions, please contact Lindsey Robertson, MFP Program Coordinator, at [lrobert1@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:lrobert1@dhs.state.ia.us) or by phone at 515-256-4637.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/470-5151-Money\\_Follows\\_the\\_Person\\_Referral\\_Information\\_0718.pdf](https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/470-5151-Money_Follows_the_Person_Referral_Information_0718.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> <https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members/medicaid-a-to-z/mfp>